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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Report of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



for the year ending December 31st, 1960.



WALTHAM HOLY CROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1960

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. G.J. Dearman.

MEMBERS:

Councillor: Mr. W.L. Luck (Deputy)  
Councillor: Mrs. J.M. Davies.  
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Councillor: Mr. A.N. Matthews.  
Councillor: Mr. C.E. Hewins.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ex-officio: Mr. W. Tutton.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF:

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

Dr. H. Franks, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.,  
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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

Mr. W.H. Meynell, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (1) (2)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

Mr. N. Cuthbertson, M.A.P.H.I. (1) (2)

- (1) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Sanitary  
Inspector's Examination Joint Board.
- (2) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health of Inspector  
of Meat and Other Foods.

CLERK:

Mrs. J.G. Any.



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WALTHAM HOLY CROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Waltham Holy Cross  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report, including the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report, for the year ending 31st December, 1960.

In the statistical tables which follow, births and deaths have been corrected for "inward" and "outward" transfers - i.e., they refer only to persons who normally reside in the District, and they include all births and deaths among them wherever occurring. They have also been adjusted to allow for any difference in the age and sex distribution of the local population when compared with the averages for England and Wales. Infectious diseases, however, are allocated to the district in which they arise irrespective of place of normal residence of the patient.

VITAL STATISTICS

The population of the District continues to grow at the rate of approximately 5% per annum, due mostly to new arrivals from other Districts. There were 254 live births - an increase of 22 over the previous year, and it is pleasing to note that there were only 3 deaths of infants under the age of one year, and no maternal deaths. These figures indicate a very high standard of care of mothers and infants.

The death rate was virtually unchanged (= 9.5 per 1000 population), a large proportion of deaths being due to diseases of the heart and circulation.



The incidence of all infectious diseases was exceedingly low, and there were no deaths from these causes.

The Mass Radiography Unit again visited the District during the year, and 1502 persons were X-Rayed, which is a satisfactory response for a District of this size. Sessions were held at the following locations:-

	<u>No. X-Rayed.</u>
Market Place, Waltham Abbey.	1041
Dunlop Ltd.	247
Nathan Agran Ltd.	122
Caravan Site, Galley Hill	<u>92</u>
Total X-Rayed	<u><u>1502</u></u>

Nine cases of tuberculosis were discovered, of which one required immediate treatment and four occasional supervision. Eleven other abnormalities were also found, including one case of bronchial cancer.

In concluding, I would again like to record my appreciation to the staff of the Public Health Department for their continued help and co-operation, and the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year.

H. FRANKS, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,959
Civilian Population (mid 1960)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,980
No. of inhabited houses (at 31st December, 1960)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,359
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£209,688
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£820

VITAL STATISTICS

Live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	254
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.5
Still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	23.1
Total live and still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	260
Infant deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (First four weeks)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.02%
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Death rate (standardised) per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.5

CAUSES OF DEATH AS GIVEN BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL  
FOR THE YEAR 1960.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis respiratory	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	0	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms, other sites	8	3	11
Diabetes	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	7	11
Coronary disease, angina	6	7	13
Other heart disease	3	5	8
Other circulatory disease	1	4	5
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	4	0	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	0	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	3	8
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
All other accidents	2	0	2
Suicide	1	0	1
	<u>49</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>86</u>



SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

- (a) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the Local Authority (see page 1).
- (b) LABORATORY FACILITIES. A Ministry of Health Laboratory operates at St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping. Milk, water and ice cream samples are examined at the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1.
- (c) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. Transport of the sick and injured and maternity cases is the responsibility of the Essex County Council and is free of charge.

In cases of accident or emergency, an ambulance is obtained by dialling 999 on any Waltham Cross telephone. Where there is no dialling system it is sufficient to lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance to be sent to the place required, or to deliver the message personally to the Fire Station, Romeland, Waltham Abbey. Calls of a non-urgent nature are only accepted from responsible persons in the service, e.g. doctors, nurses, etc.

- (d) HOSPITALS. The hospitals serving the area are administered by the North-East London Regional Hospital Board.
- (e) CHILD WELFARE. The Essex County Council (Forest Area) is the Welfare Authority for the district. Clinics are held at the following times at "The Cedars", Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey:-

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE. Every Friday at 2 p.m.

SCHOOL CHILDREN (Minor ailments). 2nd and 4th

Tuesday in each month at 10.0 a.m. No charge is made.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC. Every Monday at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S WELFARE. 1st Monday. By appointment only.

RELAXATION CLASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS. Every Tuesday afternoon. (By appointment only).

SPEECH THERAPIST. By appointment only.

UPSHIRE VILLAGE HALL (WEIGHING CENTRE). Alternate Thursdays at 2.30 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE, BREACH BARNS CARAVAN SITE.

1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

(f) SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE. The Education Authority is the Essex County Council. School nurses inspect the children regularly, and there is a medical inspection at each school not less than once per year. Advice and treatment are provided at the Combined Treatment Centre at the appropriate sessions as listed above.

(g) TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE. Tuberculosis Dispensary at Honey Lane Hospital, Waltham Abbey, every Monday at 2 p.m., for new patients.

During the year the Care Association for the area covering the Chigwell, Epping, Waltham Abbey, and Ongar districts continued to function. The Association assists cases awaiting admission to sanatorium in various ways and arranges also for admission of child contacts to convalescent homes. It concerns itself also with the after care of patients by assistance in obtaining materials for occupational therapy and whenever possible, suitable employment for those fit to work. The Association is supported by voluntary contributions and receives also a grant from the County Council. The Honorary Secretary is Mrs. B. Hands, 52, Dacre Gardens, Chigwell.

(h) DISTRICT NURSES', HEALTH VISITORS', MIDWIVES' SERVICES AND HOME HELPS are provided by the Essex County Council, and administered locally by Forest Area Health Sub-Committee of the Council.

The Area Medical Officer is Dr. F.G. Brown, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Municipal Offices, Woodford, E.18, from whom the following statistics have been received:-

VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS

<u>1st Visits</u>	<u>Re-Visits</u>
Under 1 year ... 253	Under 1 year ... 671
1 - 5 years ... -	1 - 5 years ... 856
All others ... 199	

CASES ATTENDED BY MIDWIVES

(a) As midwives ... ..	41
(b) As Maternity ... ..	37
VISITS MADE BY HOME NURSES ...	3,660

ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-Natal ... ..	728
Post-Natal ... ..	Nil

ATTENDANCES AT CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Infants under 1 year ... ..	3,007
Children 1 - 5 years ... ..	582

ATTENDANCES AT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLINICS

Birth Control (1st visits) ...	7
Birth Control (Re-visits) ...	47
TOTAL	<u>54</u>

- (i) CHIROPODY CLINIC. There is a Chiropody Clinic for Old Age Pensioners every Tuesday afternoon. By appointment only.





REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(SECTIONS C, D & E)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my 21st Annual Report on the work carried out by the Department with particular reference to the year 1960.

All matters pertaining to public health were dealt with as expeditiously as possible. Slum Clearance and Meat Inspection again claimed precedence over other activities.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council, Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Cuthbertson, and all other colleagues for their invaluable co-operation and assistance during the year.

W.H. MEYNELL, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.





SECTION C

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The number of inspections made during the year was 2,963; details regarding the nature of these inspections are given in the following tables.

The Department received 128 complaints covering a variety of subjects; all were dealt with satisfactorily.

Summary

Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts)	316
Number of dwelling houses inspected for other than housing defects	62
Number of premises other than houses inspected	2212
Premises re-inspected	235
Visits to work in progress	40
Miscellaneous visits	98
	<u>2963</u>

Included in the above tables are the following classified visits:-

1. Bakehouses	3
2. Camping Sites	20
3. Cattle Market	48
4. General Market	58
5. Petroleum Acts	49
6. Licensed Premises	29
7. Shops	151
8. Hawkers	26
9. Nurseries	186
10. Factories	78
11. Piggeries	23
12. Infectious Diseases	36
13. Rats and mice	19

14.	Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	1288
15.	Swimming Pool	...	...	...	3
16.	Dairies	...	...	...	12
17.	Drainage	...	...	...	56
18.	Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	127

Details of inspections of food premises and factories are given in the appropriate sections of this report.

#### INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

Number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	...	316
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notices	...	...	...	14
Statutory notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	Nil

#### PETROLEUM ACTS AND REGULATIONS

Licences granted during 1960	...	...	...	41
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49 visits were made to ensure that the requirements of the Acts were being observed. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

During the year all petroleum tanks were subjected to a seepage test and passed satisfactorily.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The sewers were baited as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The method of baiting heavily in parts of the system where "takes" were registered was continued with satisfactory results.

Systematic inspection of the area was made for the presence of rats and mice. The work of disinfection was effected where necessary; a free service being given to domestic premises and a charge being made for business premi

The Contract service formerly given by the County Agricultural Executive Department and now operated by the Council was continued successfully. There was a failure to renew contracts on the part of two farmers in the area because of our inability to deal with rabbits, moles, pigeons, foxes, etc.

Complaints were again received of the nuisance from flies from the Council's refuse tip at Brooker Road. The open faces of this tip are an inducement to the breeding of flies, wasps and rodents. The constant use of insecticides, applied by means of a pressure blower, assisted in keeping down these insects. Warfarin baits were used for the extermination of rodents.

During the year complaints were received of wasps, ants, flies and mosquitoes. The Department was able to deal effectively with most of these but the fly remains a problem.

An open ditch at Townmead was infested by mosquitoes and caused serious nuisance to the occupants of nearby houses. A weekly spray with Zaldecide Powder kept the situation under control. The ditch should be filled in at the earliest opportunity.



Works effected under the Act to the 31st December, 1960, are as follows:-

TYPE OF PROPERTY					
Non-Agricultural					
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All other (inc. Business Premises)	Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3.	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District	17	2982	289	3288	132
2. No. of properties inspected as a result of					
(a) Notification	4	28	17	49	2
(b) Survey under the Act	49	734	160	943	7
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	0	0	0	0	0
3. Total inspections	53	762	177	992	7
4. No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats					
(Major)	0	0	0	0	
(Minor)	16	76	29	121	1
(b) Mice					
(Major)	0	0	0	0	
(Minor)	6	28	20	54	
5. No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	22	104	49	175	
6. Total treatments carried out, inc. re-treatments	22	104	49	175	

#### CAMPING SITES

Number of sites for which licences have been issued by the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Number of licences issued to station caravans for limited periods	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of campers during 1960 (approx.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000



It is estimated that there are 400 caravans in the area. The Council Site known as Woodbine Close is occupied to capacity. There are 66 standings on this site and there is a waiting list for vacancies. Of the 66 caravan sites at Woodbine Close, there have been no less than 27 removals during the year. This has enabled the Council to offer a similar number of new licences which has helped to reduce the waiting list.

Other licenced sites comply with the requirements of the Act having separate privy accommodation for the sexes, an adequate supply of pure water, covered receptacles for refuse and means for the disposal of waste water.

Twenty visits were made to the sites during the year.

#### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The Council continued its participation in the Essex County Council's Scheme for recording pollution of the atmosphere.

Daily readings of the volumetric instrument are taken in the Department. The deposit gauge and lead peroxide instruments are submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. for examination and analysis at monthly intervals.

Observations were made of the various stacks in the area and generally conditions were found to be fairly satisfactory. Exceptions were the smoke from the boilers used for "steam raising" in the nurseries during soil sterilisation. There has been ample time for this matter to have received the attention required by the nurserymen and the enforcement of the Clean Air Act where contraventions occur must be expected.

Despite the Minister's undertaking that Crown premises would co-operate in the implementing of the Clean Air Act, the Eastern Electricity Board's Power Station at Brinsdown continues to be a major source of pollution in this area.

### LICENCED PREMISES

Twenty-nine visits were made to licenced premises, and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

### SEWERAGE

The area is sewered in the main to an outfall at the Old Sewerage Works in Brooker Road. From there it is pumped under the River Lea and thence by gravity to the Middlesex Works at Deephams.

In addition the Sewardstonebury area is drained to a small but satisfactory works in Sewardstonebury; one from a small area in the Fox and Hounds district is drained to Chingford and one farm to the Epping and Ongar Rural District.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection is made weekly from all properties in the area by two modern S.D. vehicles.

Disposal is at a tip at Pole Hole Gravel Pit, Little Parndon, in co-operation with the Harlow Urban District Council. Some refuse is now being tipped at the Old Sewage Works.

Trade refuse is collected at a small charge.

### CESSPOOLS

Cesspools are emptied quarterly by Contract.

### ROADS

Council maintained streets are scavenged and gullies emptied by direct labour.

### SALVAGE

Waste paper is collected and sold to a paper pulping firm. Rags and scrap metal are also collected and sold.

Pig food is collected and processed by a local firm holding contract with the Council.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Conveniences are provided for both sexes at the "Kings Oak", High Beech (during the summer months), the Town Hall and Farm Hill Road. Unfortunately these properties suffer seriously from wilful damage.

### WATER SUPPLY

The district is within the Metropolitan Water Board's area of supply. There are outlying parts of the district which do not receive the benefit of this supply and depend solely on water from shallow wells.

At Claverhambury, The Clapton Stadium Limited supply their dwelling houses and kennels, together with an adjoining dairy farm, with water obtained from an artesian well.

Samples of water have been obtained from wells in various parts of the district and also from the public mains and swimming pool. The swimming pool is privately owned, water being supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. Favourable reports were received from the Analyst in each case.

### AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

186 Visits were made to ascertain conditions prevailing on the nurseries. Some premises were satisfactory, in others it was necessary to request that new sanitary accommodation be provided. All premises were brought up to the standard of sanitary accommodation required by the Act by the end of the year.



SECTION D.  
HOUSING STATISTICS

Estates Administered by the Council

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Bungalows</u>		<u>Flats</u>	
		<u>Bed-sitters</u>	<u>1 bed</u>	<u>1 bed</u>	<u>2 beds</u>
Beechfield Walk	68	10	4	-	-
Beech Hill Gardens	16	-	-	-	-
Butlers Drive	16	-	-	-	-
Crooked Mile	20	-	-	-	-
Denny Avenue	62	-	-	-	-
Eastbrook Road	10	-	-	-	-
Fountain Place	3	-	3	11	4
Farm Hill Road	2	-	-	-	-
Forest Close	10	-	-	-	-
The Gladeway	-	-	12	-	-
Grove Court	-	6	-	-	-
Harold Crescent	34	-	-	-	-
Lodge Lane	28	4	-	-	-
Paternoster Hill	80	2	-	-	-
Pick Hill	165	-	2	-	-
Princesfield Estate	160	-	-	28	28
Rounton Road	-	-	4	-	-
Sewarstone Street	3	-	-	2	4
Tennyson Avenue	20	-	-	-	-
Upshire Road	36	-	-	-	-
	733	22	25	41	36
Acquired properties	25	-	-	-	-
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	758	22	25	41	36

The total number of families rehoused in Council accommodation during the year amounted to 111 (356 persons), made up as follows:

New dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	69 (217 persons)
Transfers	...	...	...	...	...	29 (104 persons)
Re-lets	...	...	...	...	...	9 ( 22 persons)
Mutual Exchanges	...	...	...	...	...	4 ( 13 persons)

The first stage of the Council's re-development scheme is proceeding satisfactorily and 28 houses were cleared during the year of which 25 families (62 persons) were rehoused by the Council in permanent accommodation and 2 families (6 persons) were transferred to temporary accommodation.

In addition, the Council cleared 15 houses scheduled as unfit and rehoused in permanent accommodation 11 families (36 persons).

The total number of new dwellings completed during the year amounted to 133, as follows:-

Council properties	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Private properties	...	...	...	...	...	...	64

Inspection of dwelling houses under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, was as follows:-

1. Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation ... 73
2. Number of houses the defects of which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 14
3. Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to
  - (a) The serving of notices requiring the execution of works ... 0
  - (b) The making of demolition or closing orders 45
4. Number of notices served requiring the execution of works ... 32
5. Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ... 0
6. Number of demolition or closing orders made ... 43



7. Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (3) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 0
8. Number of houses demolished ... ... 43

Under (8) forty-three houses were demolished in pursuance of the Council's Slum Clearance Programme.

Forty-one houses were represented comprising Clearance Area No. 3. Houses concerned were in Sewardstone Street, Woollard Street and Greenfield Street.

Four houses were submitted as being unfit for human habitation under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Two houses were found to be overcrowded. Informal notices were served and abatement of the overcrowding secured.

The Urban District Council's Engineer and Surveyor is Mr. George Clarke, A.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E., and the Housing Manager is Mr. E.H. Entwisle, A.R.V.A.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Dealers' Licences were granted as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	5

Supplementary Licences were granted as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	8
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	7

12 Visits were made to Dairies.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ACTS, 1933 and 1952.

Ice Cream

Number of persons registered as vendors	...	...	60
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Food Hawkers

Number of persons registered	...	...	...	...	15
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MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

As required by the Ministry appropriate organisations and persons interested were contacted with a view to obtaining their views on the slaughtering amenities in the area. Subsequently, all premises used for the slaughter of animals were the subject of a detailed inspection.

A report was presented to the Local Authority and subsequently to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, as required by the Act.

In the case of the Enfield Highway Co-operative Society Ltd., their existing premises are to be demolished in accordance with the Statutory Clearance Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1. The new abattoir is in process of construction at the Industrial Site at Brooker Road.

Other premises are being brought up to the standard required and have licences authorised by the Ministry to 1st January, 1962.

There are four licenced slaughterhouses in the area, they are:-

1. Enfield Highway Co-operative Society Ltd.,  
Sewardstone Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex.
2. Messrs. Farmer Butchers Ltd.,  
10, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex.
3. Waltham Abbey Abattoir Ltd.,  
Sewardstone, E.4.
4. Waltham Abbey Abattoir Ltd.,  
Sewardstone, E.4.

The following animals were inspected during the year -

	21 Bulls
	530 Cows
	561 Heifers
	1653 Steers
	772 Calves
	44,892 Pigs
	3,939 Sheep and Lambs
	5 Horses
	<u>1 Goat</u>
TOTAL	<u>52,374</u>

The following were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

- 7 Bovine carcasses
- 22 Pigs carcasses
- 1 Calf carcase
- 18 Sheep carcasses
- 21 Bovine heads and tongues
- 7 Sets of Bovine offal
- 309 Bovine livers
- 151 Bovine part livers
- 39 Bovine lungs
- 344 Pigs plucks
- 392 Pigs heads
- 332 Pigs livers
- 282 Pigs lungs
- 48 Sheep plucks
- 8 Hindquarters of Pork
- 1 Forequarter of Pork
- 2 Hindquarters of Beef
- 93 lbs. of meat trimmings

Total weight of meat and offal thus surrendered as unfit for human consumption was:-

9 tons, 11 cwts., 2 qtrs., 18 lbs.



CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED:-

				Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	...	...	...	2235	530	772	3939	4489
Number inspected		...	...	2235	530	772	3939	4489
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS:								
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	7	1	18	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		...		388	121	1	50	97
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	...	...	...	17.3	24.1	.26	1.62	2.
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:								
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		...		64	32	-	-	39
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	...	...	2.86	6.04	-	-	.8

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

Systematic examination of all carcasses did not reveal any affected by the parasite.

All meat surrendered is disposed of to reputable contractors who sterilise the unfit meat in steam digesters. The resulting product is utilised in industry. All other foods are rendered innocuous by boiling and used for pig food; where this is not practicable the articles are burnt.

The number of animals slaughtered fell by 3416; 52,344 for 1960 against 55,790 for 1959. It will be seen that an average of over 1000 animals a week were slaughtered and inspected. This entailed a great deal of additional work for the Officers of the Department most outside of normal office hours.



Recently a Trade Representative supported Sunday slaughtering on the grounds "that it helped the rural butcher", a flimsy argument in my opinion because it is the larger concerns who continue this practice because in their experience "the Monday Market is the best". One wonders why in this day and age of refrigeration, and the talk of the five day week for shops, the Monday Market is necessary. There surely is no consumer demand for meat on a Monday. With a little forethought the Meat Trade could surely modernise its procedure and bring it into line with other progressive trades.

As the Ministry appears reluctant to legislate times and days of slaughtering to allow the Local Authority to do so, it might help the latter and its Officers in another way, i.e. by insisting on the compulsory resting of animals for a period of twenty-four hours prior to slaughter. This would require adequate organisation in the slaughterhouse to deal properly with the "through-put" and go a long way towards regulating the hours of slaughter. At present animals are sent from the farm to the market, and so to the slaughterhouse and there slaughtered; the carcass conveyed to the meat market and then to the butchers shop. All this in the space of twenty-four hours. The animal has not been rested and the quality of the meat must be affected.

#### SIAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933-1954.

There are twenty-three slaughtermen licensed under the Act.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

All premises where food is prepared were inspected. The following articles were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

3 - 6lb. tins of corned beef.  
2 - 12oz. tins corned beef.  
1 - 4lb. tin chopped ham.  
1 - 11 lb. 14oz. tin cooked ham.  
1 - 7oz. tin luncheon meat.  
1 - 7oz. tin pork luncheon meat.  
1 - 6lb. tin jellied veal.  
60 lb. case frozen rabbits.  
Eleven stone skate wings.  
1 - 1 lb. 3oz. tin processed peas.  
1 - 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. tin salmon.  
32 - 56lb. containers Jersey potatoes.

Foods are sampled by the Weights and Measures Officer of the Essex County Council, and he supplies me with reports thereon.

The following samples were reported upon during 1960:-

Milks (16)	...	...	...	Genuine
Milk (1)	...	...	...	1.49% def. milk fat.
Creamed rice milk pudding (2)				Genuine
Sultanas (4)	...	...	...	Genuine
Currants (2)	...	...	...	Genuine
Household fruit mixture (1)				Genuine
Vinegar (1)	...	...	...	Genuine
Strained cream fish (1)	...			Genuine
Beef steak and kidney pie (1)				Genuine
Raisins (3)	...	...	...	Genuine
Ground rice (1)	...	...		Genuine
Prunes (1)	...	...	...	Genuine
Gelatine powder (1)			...	Genuine
Rubbed foreign mint (1)	...			Genuine
Sugar pieces (1)	...	...		Genuine

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

All premises affected by the Regulations were visited during the year. 177 Visits in all being made. Satisfactory conditions were found to prevail.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The Essex County Council deals principally with matters coming under this heading. I am informed that all samples taken for examination in the area were found to be satisfactory. In addition 41 samples of milk and 6 samples of ice cream were submitted for examination and were reported upon satisfactorily.

The samples were submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories, Thresh House, Verulam Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1., through the Essex County Council Bacteriological Service.

Examination of ice cream samples is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's provisional grading system. Samples submitted were graded as follows:-

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Samples</u>
1	6
2	-
3	-

Six samples of milk were submitted for biological examination at the Public Health Laboratory Service, County Hall, London, S.E.1.

Samples are obtained at the request of the County Medical Officer of Health and are paid for by the County Council.



Samples of milk were submitted as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	12
Pasteurised	...	...	17
T.T./Pasteurised	...	...	12
Biological Examination	...		6
			<u>47</u>

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

There are 66 Factories on the Register and 78 visits were made during the year. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory in those premises to which visits were made. There are 42 outworkers in the area.

NUMBER AND TRADE OF OUTWORKERS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

Wearing apparel	...	...	...	...	36
Paper bags	...	...	...	...	1
Brush making	...	...	...	...	3
Stuffed toys	...	...	...	...	1
Table stationery	...	...	...	...	1
					<u>42</u>

Outworkers were notified from the following areas:-

Shoreditch	...	2	Chingford	...	1
Hertford	...	2	Bradford	...	1
Cheshunt	...	21	Tottenham	...	9
Finsbury	...	2	Walthamstow	...	1
Epping	...	2	Chigwell	...	1
Hackney	...	1			

A number of inspections and recommendations have been made under Section 34, dealing with means of escape in case of fire.

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PART 1 OF THE ACT

1.- INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (inc. inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	nil	nil	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	64	76	8	nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2 <u>66</u>	2 <u>78</u>	nil <u>8</u>	nil <u>nil</u>

2.- CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	8	8	nil	nil	nil
Overcrowding (S.2.)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Section 110		Section 111				
Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel- Making etc.	36	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Paper bags	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Brush making	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Stuffed toys	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Table stationery	<u>1</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>
	42	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>





SECTION F

(see also page 2)

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths
Measles ... ..	2	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia ...	3	1	-
Whooping Cough ...	4	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	1	1	-
Dysentery ... ..	9	6	-
Meningococcal infection	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Four new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>	
Pulm.	Non.Pulm.	Pulm.	Non.Pulm.
1	1	2	-

There were two deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases were reported during the year.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION SCHEMES

(1) SMALLPOX. 124 primary vaccinations were performed, and 38 persons were re-vaccinated - as compared with last years figures of 193 primary vaccinations and 37 re-vaccinations.

(2) DIPHTHERIA. Immunisations against diphtheria have continued, 220 immunisations and 56 re-inforcing injections having been given during the year, compared with 224 and 83 in the previous year.

(3) WHOOPING COUGH. 199 children completed the course of injections during 1960, compared with 178 in 1959.

(4) POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS.

First and second injections ...	...	944
Third injections ...	...	1016

SOME NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	2	8	11	10
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Primary Pneumonia	7	4	3	2	3
Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia	0	1	0	0	0
Measles	63	206	186	91	2
Whooping Cough	39	7	0	1	4